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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

August 31, 2022 GBOS Work Session RE: 2023 Budget #2 Minutes Final 12:00 p.m. Girdwood Community Room

This meeting is being held in person at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd, and on-line via Teams:

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Call to Order 12:04 p.m. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Mike Edgington, Briana Sullivan, Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

Disclosures: None

Agenda Revisions and Approval

Aug 31 Budget Work Session #2 Agenda approved ME/GW Assent vote

Announcements:

- GBOS 2023 Budget meetings are scheduled as follows:
Budget Meeting 2 WED Aug 31 12PM
*Budget Meeting 3 MON Sept 19 6PM (if needed)
- GBOS Special Meeting with DOT RE: Alyeska Interchange is scheduled for WED Sept 14 at 7PM
- GVSA Non-profit Recreation Grant Presentations meeting will be held WED Oct 5 at 7PM.

Agenda

1. Fire Department Budget

Chief Weston has updated her powerpoint presentation, which is included in the meeting packet.

Property values have increased substantially in recent years and the number and type of properties have changed, with construction on the new school, clinic, and housing, with additions anticipated in the near term.

Guidelines for operation of a rural volunteer department require 6-person crew to respond to structure fires, in order to follow the 2 in, 2 out rule. Chief Weston is proposing a budget that provides crew to meet these minimum standards. Budget increase reflects wages for paid staff, and a pay increase for volunteers.

Proposed budget will increase GVSA tax by \$326,871 for a mill rate of est 2.2 for Fire Service.

GBOS is concerned that this continues the service area subsidy of the EMS component of the Fire Department. MOA likely will contribute \$507,500 for EMS, but the cost of that service is higher. Speaking on behalf of the GFR Board, Larry Daniels notes that flat funding of the department for many years prior creates this gap in funding that must be met. Labor and fuel are both volatile costs now, and inflation may continue as well.

Motion to extend conversation to 1:15 ME/AS Assent vote

Supervisors request updated budget:

- remove capital expense from the spreadsheet (\$86,000), as capital expenses should come out of the capital account.
- Apply 8% COLA for staff positions.

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2. Roads Budget

Pay increase required by union and requested by GBOS are the main cause of increase of \$18,395 over 2022. Staff requests increase in the capital account for roads to build funds for needed infrastructure projects to \$200,000 from current request of 125,000. This will increase the Roads budget by 75,000 to \$93,395 and would bring the mill rate to approx 1.87. Updated budget at next meeting will reflect this change.

3. Parks and Recreation Budget

Request to increase pay for summer parks caretaker, giving the position greater responsibility and making it more attractive for employees. This increases the budget by \$13,469 for an estimated mill rate of .44. Original request was for Parks and Rec capital account to be funded in 2023 at \$125,000. GBOS requests to drop that commensurately with the increase in the Roads Capital account. Updated budget at next meeting will reflect this change.

4. Police Budget

Police contract is currently under negotiation. 12% contract increase instead of variable CPI calculation is planned in negotiations. Contract period of 3 years, option to renew another 2 years with additional step of 8% at that time.

5. Capital Budgets

Review of projects:

Parks and Rec:

- Little Bears will come off the Capital Projects list as it will be funded through grant and other sources.
- Winner Creek Bridge project is moving forward with design team. Currently planning for build in 2024 to allow adequate design time and likely supply chain issues.
- Master Plan for Alyeska Playing Field and Girdwood Park. This will lead to projects such as rebuild of the soccer fields, however planning is necessary first.
- Lions Club Park Pavilion – staff hopes to apply successfully for grants this year. Construction documents are under way to make this an attractive grant project.
- Tennis court resurface/maintenance (2-4 years)
- Batting Cage

Streets:

- Drainages and fish passage improvements on Alyeska Creek
- Paving Timberline to Loveland
- Restoring pedestrian path along Arlberg (perhaps with DOT grant funds)
- Power to Industrial Park lot

Group discusses that FEMA reimbursement for storm damage in late 2021 is calculated at 85% of the cost. Mike Edgington asks if existing Sweeps on the Alyeska Pedestrian Safety Corridor could be fixed with DOT Grant funds. GVSA can't apply for funds to do this on DOT right of way, DOT would need to do this. Additional discussion regarding frost heaving on that path at the culverts and need to repair this.

Group discusses the need for Budget Meeting #3 in order to finalize budgets before discussion and vote at Sept 19 Regular GBOS meeting.

Changes requested are:

Updated Fire Dept Budget with COLA and Capital projects adjusted.

Mike Edgington plans to propose a step increase instead of full increase.

Roads: Increase capital budget to \$200,000

Parks: Decrease capital budget by \$75,000

No additional meeting seems necessary.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 1:55pm